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(U) Sacramento - Authorities Arrest Four People Involved in Multistate Drug Trafficking Ring

(U) Four people have been arrested and charged with federal methamphetamine distribution in what federal authorities describe as a multi-state meth and heroin trafficking ring that operated mainly in Fairfield, Vacaville, and part of Sacramento County. The complaint names several other people suspected of being involved in the ring, but who have not yet been charged.

SOURCE: 23 September 2020, Sacramento Bee

(U) San Francisco – Elections Data Software Vendor Reports Company was Hacked

(U) Tyler Technologies, whose products are used by US states and counties to share election data, said that an unknown party had hacked its internal systems. Tyler, whose platforms are used by elections officials to display voting results, among other tasks, confirmed the breach. The company, a major provider of emergency management and other programs to US counties and municipalities, is working to restore its systems and had notified law enforcement.

SOURCE: 23 September 2020, Reuters

(U) San Marino – Man Accused of Driving into Protesters Arrested for Violating Firearms Laws

(U) A San Marino man accused of intentionally driving a truck into a crowd of Black Lives Matter protesters in Pasadena in May has been charged with conspiring to violate firearms laws. Benjamin Jong Ren Hung was arrested Wednesday and charged with one count of conspiracy to transport firearms across state lines and making a false statement in relation to the acquisition of firearms. According to an affidavit, Hung collected weapons and equipment from suppliers across the country and turned his family's vineyard in Lodi into a training camp "to prepare to engage in civil disorders."

SOURCE: 23 September 2020, The Los Angeles Times

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Russia, China, and Iran Threats US Elections

(U) Washington DC – US Acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf said yesterday that Russia, China, and Iran are all a threat to US elections through influence campaigns. But Wolf told a congressional hearing there is no evidence at this point that foreign countries are actually interfering in US election infrastructure.

SOURCE: 23 September 2020, Reuters

(U) District of Columbia – White Supremacists Pose Most Persistent Domestic Threat

(U) Washington DC – White supremacist groups have posed "the most persistent and lethal threat" of violent extremism in the US in recent years, acting US Department of Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf said at a congressional hearing yesterday. FBI Director Christopher Wray said during a congressional hearing last week that the FBI is conducting multiple investigations into violent domestic extremists following months of street protests against racism and police brutality. Wray said the largest "chunk" of investigations were into white supremacist groups.

SOURCE: 23 September 2020, Reuters

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(U) Kentucky – Two Officers Shot Amid Louisville Protests

(U) Louisville – Two police officers were shot and wounded late on Wednesday in Louisville, Kentucky, during protests of a grand jury ruling decried by civil rights activists as a miscarriage-of-justice in the fatal police shooting of Breonna Taylor in March. One suspect was arrested, and the two wounded officers were in stable condition, one undergoing surgery with non-life-threatening injuries. SOURCE: 23 September 2020, Reuters

(U) Indiana – More Than \$10 Million in Methamphetamine Found on Highway

(U) Indianapolis – Police recovered more than \$10 million worth of methamphetamine from duffel bags on the side of an Indiana highway. A driver on the interstate in Putnam County, just west of Indianapolis, saw the bags lying on the road and called police. The bags contained 225-pounds of meth, which is worth more than \$10 million on the street. The Chicago branch of the DEA said it is the largest meth seizure ever in the area.

SOURCE: 22 September 2020, WDRB

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Egypt – Three Egyptian Police, Four Militants Killed In Prison Break Attempt

(U) Cairo – Three Egyptian policemen were killed while preventing four militants on death row attempting to escape a Cairo prison yesterday. All four militants were killed in the failed attempt to escape from Tora prison. Three of the prisoners named in the statement were convicted in 2018 with establishing and joining a militant group called Ansar al-Sharia and killing at least 10 policemen in a series of attacks between August 2013 and May 2014.

SOURCE: 23 September 2020, Reuters

(U) Libya – ISIS Leader in Libya Killed in Raid

(U) Sebha – Eastern Libyan forces reportedly killed the leader of the ISIS group in North Africa during a raid in the southern desert city of Sebha earlier this month. A Libyan National Army (LNA) spokesman said Abu Moaz al-Iraqi was among nine militants killed during the raid but was only identified afterwards. Islamic State in Libya was formed by al-Qa'ida militants who took advantage of the chaos after the 2011 uprising against Muammar Gaddafi to seize territory and launch attacks. SOURCE: 23 September 2020, Reuters

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